

Lewis Tappan
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Dear Mr Phelps,

Your letter is just rec^d. The following
 paragraph is enigmatical -

"As to myself - you might have spared
 yourself the time and trouble of saying what you did -
 I should have answered every inquiry just as readily
 without it."

I do not recollect precisely what I did
 write, but it is evident, from the above, that you mis-
 apprehended me.

By request of the Com. on Pub. I have
 written to several brethren respecting a new editor.
 Nearly all of them, in reply, say you are the man
 for editor. Mr May intimates that the Mass. Soc. intend
 obtaining you for Boston in some way, whether as pastor,
 editor, or agent I do not know. Mrs Phelps's health
 is such, I have been led to suppose, that you might
 be tempted to locate. Now I meant to say that if
 you lay down your agency, for any cause, (which the
 Ex. Com. would deeply lament) we ought to have your
 services as an editor here in preference to your going to any
 other place. Do you understand me, dear brother?

Mr Stanton left here the middle of last week for Utica
& will I suppose arrive there today. He intends to return to
Con^t. without delay.

This morning I have a letter from Mr Wild. He
was at Utica, and expected to remain there until the
5th, or possibly the 7th March. He had lectured eleven times.
He says - "The Lord is with us - truth tells - Mob. dead. Lunatic
and rotten. Shall probably lecture here sometime longer. Go next
to Rochester. We have a county Convention here. "Respectable
Citizens" will probably try to galvanize mob's dead carcass into
life, but, poor thing, it glances & twitches horribly."

Yours affectionately
Lewis Tappan

P. S.

Mr Wild says "Phelps would do well I should think
as Editor - but he cannot possibly be spared from
the lecturing corps."

Will you be frank with me, & say whether you meditate
quitting lecturing?